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Furthermore, the PTO web site, PAIR, indicates at the top of the information page that the Allowance was counted on September 12, 2006.

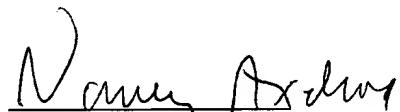
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